

CLAIMS:

- 5 1. A side air-bag, the side air-bag incorporating an internal tether, the internal tether serving to interconnect two spaced-apart regions of the air-bag, the distance around the periphery of the air-bag, in horizontal section, between the ends of the tether being greater in one direction than in the other direction, the length of the tether being less than the shorter distance.
- 10 2. A side air-bag according to Claim 1 wherein the tether has an overall vertical extent of at least 50 mm.
- 15 3. A side air-bag according to Claim 1 or 2 where the side air-bag incorporates a region to receive a gas generator and an inflatable region extending therefrom, the tether extending from a point in or adjacent the said region to receive the gas generator to a point within the inflatable region which is remote from the gas generator.
- 20 4. An air-bag according to Claim 3 wherein the air-bag is formed from two super-imposed substantially identical layers of fabric, the layers of fabric being interconnected by a peripheral seam, the tether extending from the said region to receive a gas generator to, part of one of said layers of fabric spaced from said peripheral seam.
- 25 5. An air-bag according Claim 3 wherein the air-bag is formed from two super-imposed substantially identical layers of fabric interconnected by a peripheral seam, the internal tether extending from part of the peripheral seam to a point adjacent the region to receive the gas generator.

6. An air-bag according to Claim 3 wherein the air-bag is formed from two super-imposed substantially identical layers of fabric interconnected by a peripheral seam, there being a gusset or third layer of fabric interposed between
5 said two layers of fabric over at least part of the peripheral seam, the tether extending from the said region to receive an air-bag to a side edge part of said gusset.

7. An air-bag according to Claim 3 wherein the air-bag is formed from two
10 adjacent layers of fabric of different sizes interconnected by a peripheral seam, the internal tether extending from the said region to receive the gas generator to part of the peripheral seam.

8. An air-bag according to any of the preceding Claims wherein the tether
15 is a single panel.

9. An air-bag according to any of Claims 1 to 7 wherein the tether is a plurality of straps acting together.